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## New Brockton appoints "acting" police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began its monthly meeting Monday evening, July 14, with a few of announcements from Mayor Charles Cole.

Cole offered a bit of positive economic news for New Brockton with the announcement of a new eatery coming to town. He said Moore's Buffet is set to open at its new location on Friday, Aug. 1, in the building formerly occupied by Judy's Log Cabin.

Moore's Buffet is currently open in Opp, Ala., and Cole said the forthcoming New Brockton location will be an expansion

effort for the business owners.

Putting an end to several weeks of rumors and speculations, Cole said the town at this time has an "acting" chief of police. He said William "Bill" King has been appointed "acting" chief of police until the time in which the position is filled on a permanent basis.

King officially took over the position as "acting" police chief last Thursday, July 10, following a swearing in ceremony. He fills the position vacated by Jerry Gilbert following a closed hearing held Wednesday, July 2.

After Gilbert's hearing, it was announced that he would no longer be employed as chief of police for New Brockton, but

details surrounding the matter were not provided.

King has named officer Dale Grimes as his "acting" assistant chief of police.

"Officer Grimes and I work well together, and we have a plan for New Brockton," King said. "We want to improve the performance of the department and make it more professional which in itself will improve the quality of service for the town."

King is a seasoned police and security officer with on and off service since 1970. He had 22 years of military service with the Army and has been with the New Brockton Police Department for five and a half

years. He also has completed two state police academies including Pennsylvania and Alabama.

The New Brockton Police Department currently has one full-time officer (King) and four part-time officers.

During Monday's council meeting, Cole said he has the authority to appoint a new police chief for the town, but he wants to be sure he and the council members are together in finding the person best suited for the job. He said there are several things the group needs

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## Interstate 85 accident turns tragic for one Elba family

A traffic accident on Interstate 85 early Sunday morning, July 13, turned deadly for one Elba family as four relatives were killed.

Elba residents Mickey Parks, age 45, and Donald Parks, age 39, were killed instantly along with Donald's two children David, age 14, and Deserae, age 13. Although natives of Coffee County, the two teenagers were current residents of Gastonia, N.C. where they lived with their mother, Davana Parks Moore.

According to reports from the Auburn police and Lee County coroner Bill Harris, the four-vehicle accident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday morn-

ing on I-85 near the 52-mile marker.

Police said the Parks' vehicle was struck head-on by a pick-up truck traveling the wrong way in the southbound lanes of the interstate. The truck was being driven by William Anderson Potts, age 33, of Opelika, and he too was killed in the accident.

Seven other people traveling in two other vehicles were also injured in the accident and taken to East Alabama Medical Center where they were treated and later released.

Funeral services for brothers Mickey and Donald Parks were held Wednesday, July 16, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba while services for siblings David and Deserae Parks will be held today (Thursday), July 17, in Gastonia, N.C. (Complete obituaries for all four may be found on page 3.)

## Elba City Council holds short meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for five whole minutes. In the absence of Mayor James Grimes who was attending an out-of-town city related meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over the meeting.

The council voted to award the bid for cutting the marketable timber at the Carl Folsom Airport to Smurfit-Stone Timber Company, of Andalusia, for a bid price of \$130,957.50. There were five bidders for the timber with the low bid being \$37,000. The firm has 18 months to complete the cutting.

Hammond reminded council members they have in their packets copies of proposed rules and regulations for the Elba Airport use by aerial applicator companies plus a reminder of the right to submit a nomination for a member of the Coffee County Board of Equalization. These nominations are for the term beginning October 1, 2003. Monthly bills totaling \$92,957.52 were approved for payment.

## Area Happenings

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION** will be held Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**THE ANNUAL ELBA TROY STATE UNIVERSITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** for scholarships will be Saturday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Elba Country Club.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION** will be Thursday, July 24, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

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The "Celebrate Elba 150" committee and Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a unique birthday bash for the city and its residents last Saturday evening, July 12. Among the many surprises throughout the event was the presentation of a "Happy Birthday" cake. After the candles were blown out, everyone was offered a piece of the sweet treat. Above, Representative Terry Spicer receives his piece from committee member Lucia Grantham. Additional scenes from the evening can be found on pages 6 & 7.

## Grimes becomes Certified Municipal Official

Elba Mayor James E. Grimes has earned the professional designation of Certified Municipal Official after completing 40 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Alabama League of Municipalities. Mayor Grimes was recognized for his accomplishments during graduation ceremonies held in Montgomery on June 26, 2003. He is a member of the eighth graduating class of Certified Municipal Officials.

The training program for elected municipal officials was begun in 1994 by the Alabama League of Municipalities, under the direction of its executive committee, to complete the cycle of training for municipal officials and employees. Until that time, no formal training had been offered for elected officials.

Mayor Grimes, because of his attendance at statewide and regional educational conferences, has received formal classroom training in subjects such as council meeting procedures, parliamentary procedure, the Sunshine Law, public records, ordinance drafting, conflicts of interest, the State Ethics Law, duties of the mayor and council, tort liability, the competitive bid law, zoning and planning, annexation, municipal regulatory powers, municipal revenues and expenditures, personnel actions and leadership development.

The citizens of Elba should be extremely proud of Mayor Grimes for his achievements by completing this elected officials training program," said Perry Roquemore Jr., executive director of the league of municipalities. "He spent many hours during the last several years attending day-long workshops and lec-

## Commission ends meeting in recess

The Coffee County Commission had no trouble zipping through its agenda Monday morning, July 14, as the group met for its regular bimonthly meeting; however, the session ended in recess rather than adjournment.

With commission chairman Robert Stephens and vice chairman Bernest Brooks away at a convention, commissioner Jim Thompson served as leader for the meeting.

Commissioners opened bids for traffic striping with only one bid being submitted.

Ozark Striping Company Inc. of Ozark submitted a bid for \$265,705, and county engineer Randy Tindell recommended tabling the issuance of this bid until the next meeting. Commissioner Tom Grimsley offered a motion to table with a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

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**JUST PART OF THE PROCESS**...Local residents have surely taken notice to the many loads of dirt being hauled around town as workers rehabilitate the levee. However, the project involves many more levels of work than just packing dirt. Testing engineer James Rowell (left) with CDG Engineering spends his time testing the compaction and moisture content of the dirt work. He said the objective is to get the dirt packed so it will be nearly "hard as a rock." For his testing, he uses a nuclear density gauge. Above, he is joined by testing engineer Richard Jackson in performing another test which should confirm the results Rowell got with his nuclear test, as well as other details. By the way, this particular lift located near the old county jail site tested at 99.8 percent compaction.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

Sunday morning we were getting dressed for church and listening to "Meet The Press" on the tube. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was on the firing line. When we began reacting in a negative manner to his answers, it was time to hit the OFF button. It wasn't necessarily his answers which were frustrating, but the way he was trying to twist some former statements he was being reminded of uttering. We began muttering out loud that it sounded like the Bill Clinton comment of "It is according to how you define 'is'". At that point it was time to get away from Rumsfeld before we blew a gasket from extreme high blood pressure. An afterthought is that both this writer and the Defense Secretary probably needed a bunch of church help at that point in the program.

Well the Alabama Education fund is so of short money that Alabama voters are being asked to vote on a record breaking tax increase in September. However there is enough money in the budget to pay an estimated 5,000 Jr. College employees a salary (and probably mileage) to go to a north Alabama meeting with the governor next week to be pumped up about the merits of the tax increase vote. That is after some education folks have attended another such rah-rah meeting with the governor in Mobile. Oh, of course this is a professional development meeting so it is legal to pay the salaries out of our heaping, overflowing treasure chest Hummmmm.

There can be no doubt that an intense power struggle has been going on in the Baptist Health System's board of directors. The group operates hospitals in seven or eight Alabama cities, including one in Birmingham, and there has been recent talk of sell outs, take over, management contract, joint venture, whatever. Well over the weekend there was a sudden reversal and nothing like that is going to happen. In fact the news release we received indicated the head man has been terminated and four board members have resigned. It doesn't take much imagination to figure out that there has been a lot of messy infighting going on with that group.

It looks like Elba is moving a step closer to getting a new building to replace the aging structure housing the J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab. Advertisement for bids went out in this week's Elba Clipper. An earlier effort to get a contractor was aborted when the low bid was much higher than the amount of money allocated by the Alabama Department of Agriculture for construction of the project. After a revamping of the plans, state officials are optimistic they will be able to let a contract following the August 12th deadline. The new, modern facility will be constructed immediately behind the existing lab. An alternate on the plans is a "distant learning center" complete with state-of-the-art two way video conferencing to keep farmers and other area citizens updated on the latest in techniques. Once the new facility is completed and occupied, the old building will be demolished by the City of Elba and replaced with a parking lot. While the existing facility is owned by the Elba Industrial Development Board, the new building will be a state owned building. The City of Elba and the Industrial Board are donating the land for the new building to the state.

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## Do-Not-Call list now taking calls... Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett

On June 27, the Federal government officially launched its national Do-Not-Call Registry. The database, run by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), will record all Americans wishing to be placed on a national list declaring their phone numbers off limits to most telemarketers. The new registry comes four months after Congress passed

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 7, 2003, investigated the following incidents:

**MONDAY, JULY 7:** Possible prowler, reported at 752 Pineclade (3:15 a.m.); River stage - 11:28 feet (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 7:32 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 8:** River stage - 9.62 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9:** River stage - 8.80 feet (6:21 a.m.); Fight (not in progress) reported at 1232 Ann St. (12:22 a.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 10:** Fight in progress reported at 1014 Martin Luther King Dr. (1:18 a.m.); River stage - 7.32 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, JULY 11:** Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Jail (12:16 a.m.); Possible prowler reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr. (1:14 a.m.); River stage - 7.33 feet (6:20 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 801 Putnam St. (8:37 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr. (9:28 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 12:** River stage - 9.26 feet (6:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 706 Putnam St. (8:02 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Carver Dr. (10:52 p.m.); Possible fight escalating on Jackson St. (11:15 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 13:** Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts., B-4 (12:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 7.96 feet (6:05 a.m.); Alarm activated at 906 Hwy. 203 (10:14 a.m.); 2x vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 203 and Hwy. 189 (6:55 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Jail (8:35 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 846 Troy Hwy. (11:50 p.m.).

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**TUESDAY, JULY 15:** River stage - 9.62 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16:** River stage - 8.80 feet (6:21 a.m.); Fight (not in progress) reported at 1232 Ann St. (12:22 a.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 17:** Possible prowler, reported at 752 Pineclade (3:15 a.m.); River stage - 11:28 feet (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 7.32 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 19:** River stage - 9.26 feet (6:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 706 Putnam St. (8:02 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Carver Dr. (10:52 p.m.); Possible fight escalating on Jackson St. (11:15 p.m.).

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**TUESDAY, JULY 22:** River stage - 9.62 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23:** River stage - 8.80 feet (6:21 a.m.); Fight (not in progress) reported at 1232 Ann St. (12:22 a.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 24:** Possible prowler, reported at 752 Pineclade (3:15 a.m.); River stage - 11:28 feet (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (2:29 a.m.); River stage - 7.32 feet (6:25 a.m.); Routine activity.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 26:** River stage - 9.26 feet (6:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 706 Putnam St. (8:02 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Carver Dr. (10:52 p.m.); Possible fight escalating on Jackson St. (11:15 p.m.).

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## Woodland Grove Baptist Church having VBS July 21-25

Woodland Grove Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. is holding Vacation Bible School July 21st - 25th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ages 0 - 6th grade. Adults too.

## The Zoar Cemetery Association meeting planned for July 26

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988. When first organized, each family with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery had to maintain the grave sites themselves. Now they have people who clean the entire cemetery six times a year.

Continued personal and financial support is still needed; therefore, those who have loved ones, or family members are encouraged to attend a meeting Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m., at Zoar Church.

## Elba Full Gospel Church Homecoming Services set for July 20

Elba Full Gospel on Smith Ave. will be having Homecoming on July 20, 2003. Singing will begin at 1:00 in the afternoon. The Good News Quartet will be the featured group. Sis Pat Norries will bring the message.

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Scripture: Psalm 50:1-23

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Ruth Belcher, Jeanette Siler, Murry Barnes, The Snell family, Lovie Hooks, Murry Barnes, Versie Barnes, O.B. Daniels, Mary Alice Blue, Kary Nell Holstead, Homer C. Coleman, John E. Folmar, Christine Willingham, Annie Bell Flournoy, The Parks Family and Oneather Smedley.

\*\*\*Homecoming and Revival Services will be held July 20-25, 2003 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Homecoming service will be July 20 at 2:30 p.m. Revival services will be held July 21-25, 2003 at 7:00 nightly. The evangelist for the week will be Reverend D. Threats.

\*\*\*Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 802 Newton Street, will hold Youth Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Jimmy Jackson.



Malik Kelley

Malik Kelley, son of Marcus Kelley and Sharon Wright turned seven-years-old on July 9. He celebrated his birthday with a party at Ryan's Family Steak House in Enterprise. His sister Tia was his special guest. He received many gifts and surprises. His grandparents in Elba are Gladys Wright and Glen and Ernestine Kelley.

Today is a good day, he gratefully said.

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## Elba Church of Christ's Vacation Bible School to be conducted July 21-25

A vacation bible school will be conducted July 21-July 25 at the Elba Church of Christ. The building is located at 715 North Troy Highway, Elba. The VBS starts each night at 6:30 and dis-

misses at 8:30. There will be classes for ages 12 and under and refreshments will be served. All materials are free and there will be no collections. Everyone is invited. For more information, or to pre-register your child, please call 897-2057 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

## Faith Assembly of God Youth Center in Enterprise to hold opening service Saturday, July 19th

The Faith Assembly of God Youth Center will hold its opening service on Saturday, evening July 19th at 7:00 p.m. Jason Allums, El Bethel Assembly of God youth pastor will be in charge of the service. Ages will be 10 years old through high school. Faith Assembly of God Youth Center is located at 1506 West College Street in Enterprise, Ala. For more information call 894-6371 or 393-6620. After the opening service, there will be a youth service every week.

## Area wide Youth Convention planned at First Assembly of God in Enterprise for August 1 & 2

Area wide youth convention will be held August 1 and 2 at First Assembly of God in Enterprise. Each service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with praise and worship. There will be special music and guest speaker, Greg Atkins. Youth fellowship activities and food will follow. For more information call 347-8447.

## The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church to hold meeting July 19th

The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church will hold its next Conference Center meeting on Saturday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva. This meeting will immediately follow the gathering of the South Conference WMS Executive Board, which is scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m. at New Bethel. The purpose of the Center meeting is to provide updates on progress toward construction of a South Conference Center in Dothan. Donations toward this effort will be accepted at this meeting, or may be given to any Board member at any time, or mailed to Ms. Bernella Knight, Treasurer, P.O. Box 628, Tuskegee, AL 36087. Those members who have chosen the "Dollar Per Day" or other level of donating may make their quarterly donation at this meeting or whenever convenient. The land for the site has been purchased, so funds are now needed to proceed with construction plans. For more information, please contact Board of Directors President, James M. Roberts, at 792-8249, Presiding Elders J. F. McCloud, 983-1966; J. D. Sanders, 347-0875; or David Reddick, 308-1400.

## Youth Revival planned at Elba Church of God July 21-24

There will be a Youth Revival held at the Elba Church of God beginning Monday July 21 - 24. Services will begin at 7:00 nightly. There will be a several guest speakers.

## Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church's Anniversary Celebration to be held July 20

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, Alabama, Reverend T.W. Parker, Sr., Pastor, will celebrate their church anniversary, Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. The guest minister will be Reverend David E. Reddick, 2661/347-4489.

Presiding Elder of the Troy District, South Alabama Conference and Ninth Episcopal District.

For more information contact, Sis. Betty Simmons, 347-9288. Sis. Joyce Baxter, 347-1952 or Reverend Parker, 393-2661/347-4489.

## Church Directory

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b> <b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sam Tuten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. <b>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Elder Phillips-Coyes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. <b>RETLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....5:30 p.m. <b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Seun, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. <b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. <b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Marla Baker, Pastor Church Service.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. <b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister</b> Sunday School.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.....12:00 noon <b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>DOBAC BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Disrupting Telling.....9:00 p.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.	<b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Timothy Gaudin, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon.....1:30 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Pastor Rev. Ray Davis Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m. <b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John E. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. <b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lerell Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:30 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. <b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS</b> Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Morn. Worship.....8:45 a.m. <b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. <b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m. <b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Bro. Ashley Faulk-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m. <b>KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. B. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays.....11:00 a.m. <b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. <b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Robert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.	<b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> Mary Seavey Sunday Morn. Service.....10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Hiram & Linda Williams, Pastors Sunday.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Even.....7:30 p.m. <b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....11:30 a.m. <b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sun Nights.....7:00 p.m. <b>PERDU ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Walter Faulk, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>PERDU BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:45 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. <b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor - Rev. Bobby Holman Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. <b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m. <b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. 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# LIFESTYLES



Miss Mauldin & Mr. Daniels

## Mauldin-Daniels wedding planned for Saturday, August 23 at Basin Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall R. Mauldin of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha Ivy Mauldin to Claude Franklin Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels of Elba. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wanda Donaldson and the late Jack Donaldson and the late Harvey and Jean Mauldin, all of Elba. She is a graduate of Elba High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College and Troy State University. She is employed in Enterprise.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall R. Mauldin of Elba. He is a graduate of Kinston High School and attended MacArthur State Technical College in Opp. He is currently employed in Enterprise. The wedding will be an event of August 23, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. at Basin Baptist Church with a reception following in the fellowship hall. No local invitations will be sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.

## Shanna Tillis receives honor

Shanna Michelle Tillis of Elba, daughter of Jimmy and Faye Tillis, has been selected by University of Montevallo as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934. This honor is awarded to students who display outstanding achievements, not only in scholarly endeavors but also participate and exercise leadership in extracurricular activities.

## Parker Reunion planned for Saturday, August 9th

The Parker Reunion will be held Saturday, August 9, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and a beverage. Bring family history information and pictures.

## Carter - Johnson wedding to be an event of July 19

Mr. and Mrs. Rilous J. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Johnson, Jr. announce the upcoming marriage of their children Myeshia Michelle Carter to Theotis Dewayne Johnson on July 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Florence. A reception will follow at the Florence Conference Center.

## NEW ARRIVAL

JOHN MARTIN WILSON



John Martin Wilson

Josh and Jill Wilson of Elba, Ala. announce the birth of their son, John Martin Wilson. He was born on June 11, 2003 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center. John Martin weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are George and Henrietta Taylor and the late John A. "Johnny" Martin all of Elba and Jerry and Jessica Smith and the late Andy Wilson all of the New Hope Community. Great grandparents are Martha Martin of Elba and Lois Wilson Davis of the New Hope Community.

## Dr. Grant Coleman completes residency in the Department of Orthodontics

Dr. Grant Coleman completed his residency in the Department of Orthodontics at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry in Richmond, Virginia, on June 30, 2003. Dr. Coleman received his Certificate in Orthodontics as well as a Master of Science.

Dr. Coleman was also awarded special recognition by the American Board of Orthodontics in May when he received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Award of Distinction. This award is presented each year to the candidate receiving the highest score in the nation on the Board's written examination. The written exam, taken by more than 200 candidates annually, is the second of three steps toward becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. This award will be presented to Dr. Coleman next May at the annual meeting of the American Association of Orthodontics in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Coleman is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1997 and proceeded to the University of Alabama School of Dentistry where he graduated in 2001 with a degree Doctor of Dental Medicine. He is the son of the late Nelda Coleman of Elba and Gerry Coleman of Pike Road, Ala. Grant and his wife, Katie, make their home in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is in the private practice of orthodontics.

## 100th Horn Reunion planned for July 20th

The 100th Annual Horn Reunion will be held Sunday, July 20 at the historic Horn Shelter, located in Glenwood, seven miles Southeast of Luverne in Crenshaw County. For more information or directions call Ray Horn at (334)284-0243, Ray Horn Rogers at (334)335-5241, or Mary Frances Garner at (334)857-2990.



Dr. Mamie McCullough

## Dr. Mamie McCullough to conduct in-service at Elba City Schools

Nationally known speaker, author, and educator Dr. Mamie McCullough will conduct a motivational in-service for the teachers and staff of Elba City Schools on August 1.

Dr. McCullough is living proof that "it's not where you start that matters - it's where you finish, and it's not what happens to you - it's what you do with what happens to you that counts." Mamie McCullough and her husband reside in Dallas, Texas. She is the mother of three grown children. Mamie was raised in poverty with eight brothers and sisters in Dixie, Georgia. Instead of yielding to a life of despair, she has become on the country's most popular motivational speakers. She has written several books.

An invitation is extended to the community to attend Dr. Mamie McCullough's presentation on August 1 at the Elba High School Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Harriette Boyd, Elba City Schools at 897-2801.

## Judson College announces area student named to Dean's list

Students who were included on the Dean's scholars list at Judson College in the spring semester included Katherine Grimes of Elba.

## Jerkins Family Reunion scheduled for Saturday, July 19

The Jerkins Family Reunion will be held July 19, 2003 at the PZK Civic Park in Robertsdale, Ala. starting at 9:00 a.m. - until. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Bring family information and pictures. The Jerkins family history book has been completed and will be available to purchase. For more information contact Doris Hasting at (251)947-5499, Jack Butler at (850)421-7756, or James (Jim) Jerkins at (251)679-9651.



Sarah Cox

## Damascus School Reunion set for Saturday, August 9th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held August 9, 2003 beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the site of the old school building on County Rd. 514 and corner of State Road 87. This is the site of the Damascus Senior Citizens Building. Bring a covered dish with serving utensil and a beverage. Ice, plates, and cups will be available. Bring articles for door prizes, auctions, and pictures to share with the group.

Sarah's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ferrin Cox of Elba, Linda Tice Randolph of Anniston, Ala., and Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.

## NEW ARRIVAL

ASHLYN PAIGE CHRISTIAN

Starla Elmore of Opp and Paul Christian of Brantley announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Paige Christian. She was born July 2, 2003, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. She weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Marilyn Wilson and Jimmy Keafce of Andalusia. Paternal grandparents are Debra and Frankie Christian of Brantley.

## Sarah Cox celebrates her third birthday

Sarah Kimberly Cox celebrated her third birthday (June 16) on Saturday, June 14th. Most of her family and friends were present to help celebrate at her home in Opelika, Ala. Sarah is the daughter of Christopher and Penny Cox.

Sarah's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ferrin Cox of Elba, Linda Tice Randolph of Anniston, Ala., and Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.

## NEW ARRIVAL

GARY AYDEN WALLACE

Shae Farris of Kinston and Chad Wallace of Brantley announce the birth of their son, Gary Ayden Wallace. He was born June 29, 2003, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Tony and Sherrie Farris of Kinston. Paternal grandparents are Lori Wallace and the late Gary Wallace of Brantley.

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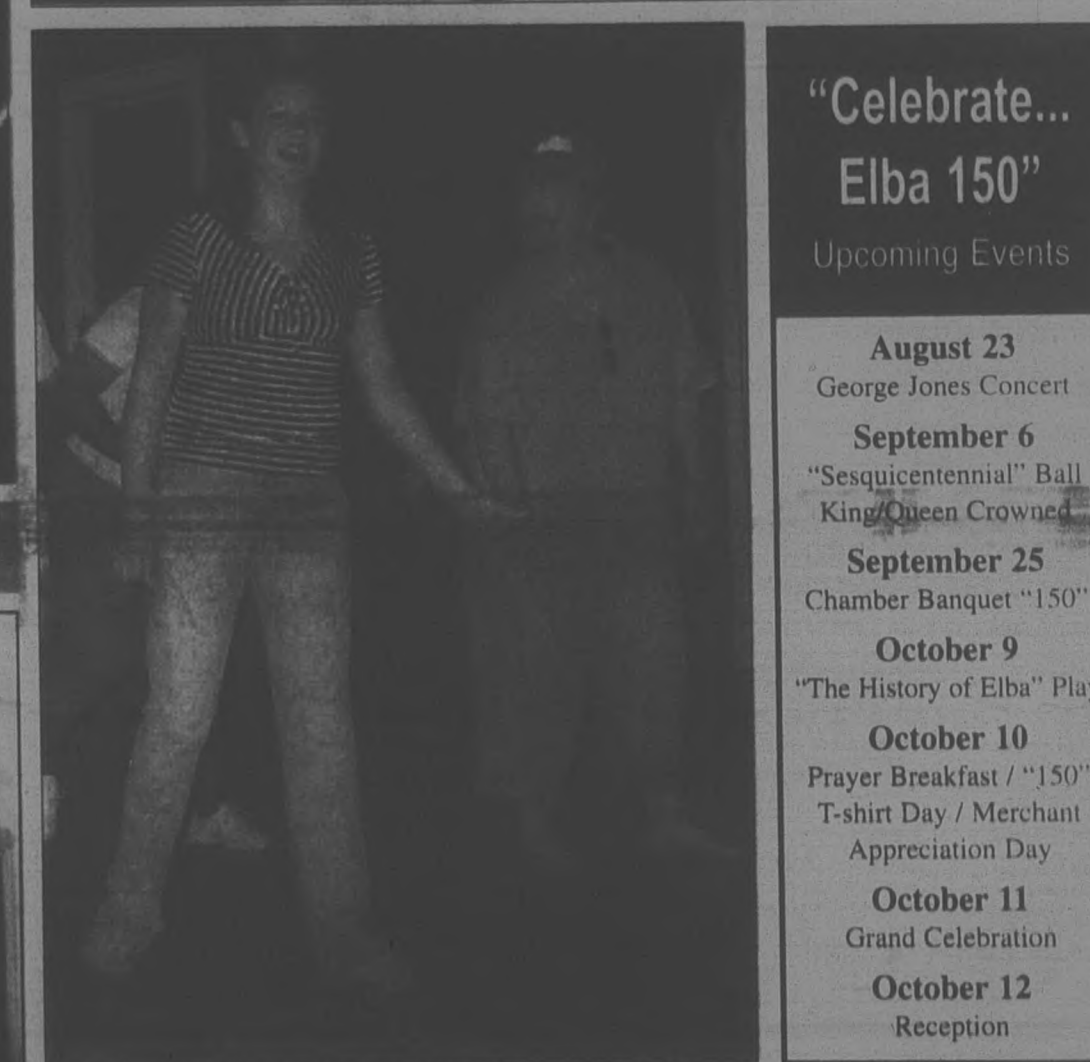
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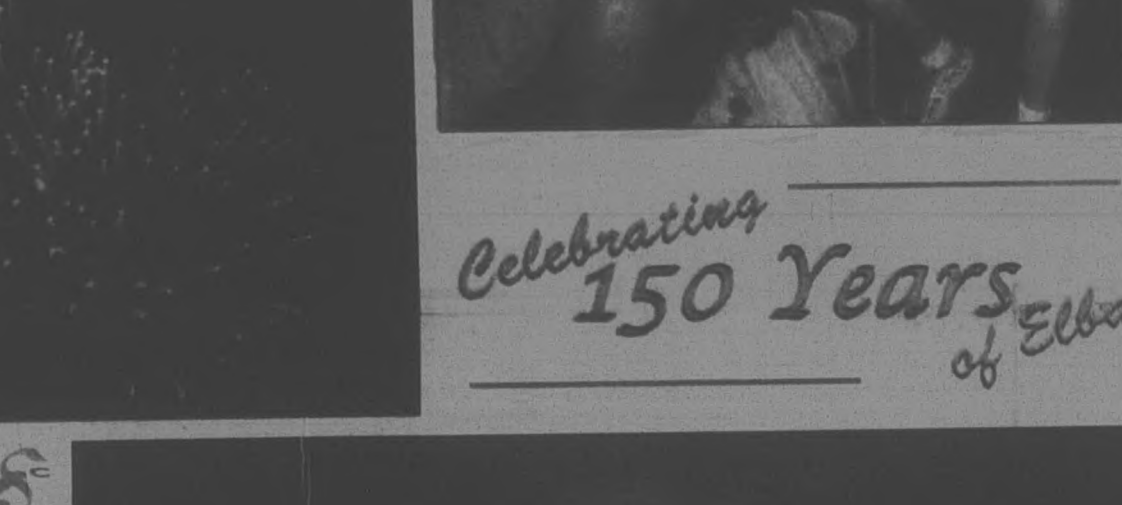
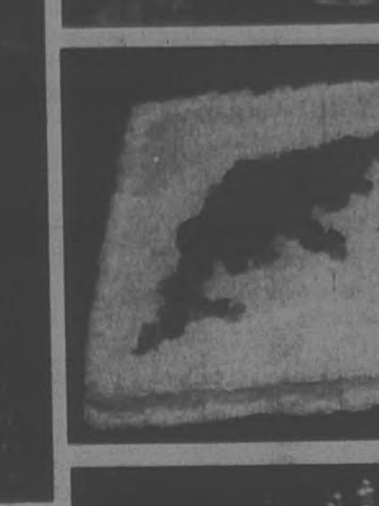
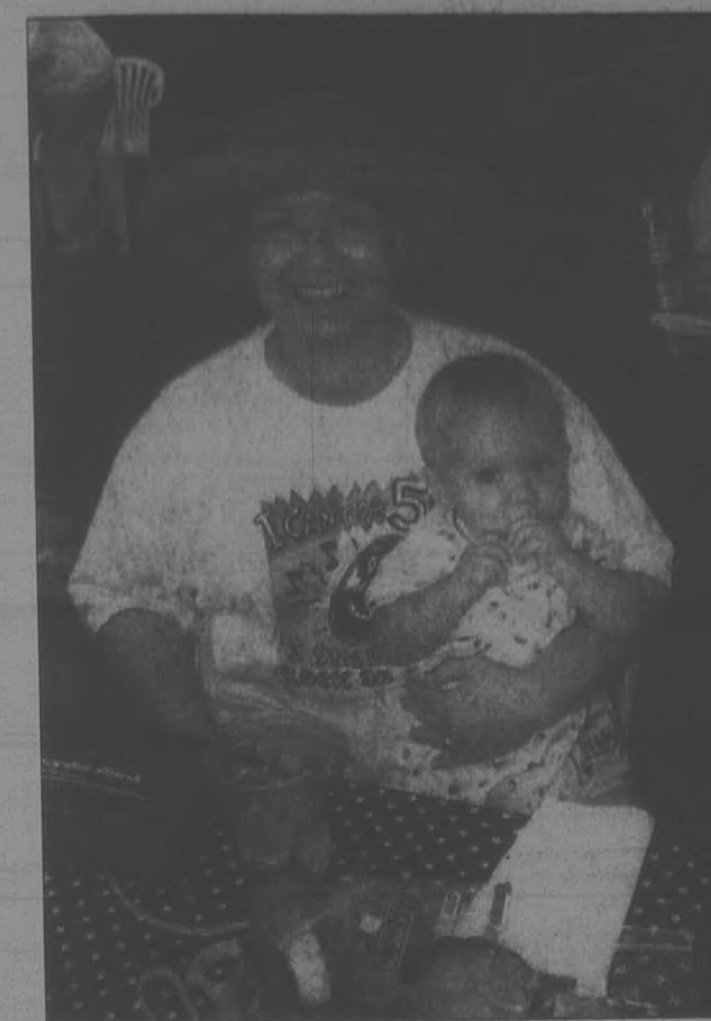
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# SPORTS

## Views from....

### THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School bells will be ringing in just a little over two weeks and while many kids are probably dreading their return to the classroom, Melanie is ready to head back and is actually looking forward to being a freshman. I heard her tell a friend last week that she was ready to get back in school, and over the weekend she reminded me that she had a lot of school shopping left to do. Guess that means I need to check the ads in the newspapers for blue jeans, t-shirts, and maybe even some pencils and paper.

#### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH....

\*\*\* The area sports scene is at a standstill for a couple of weeks, but before you know it the kids will be back in school and that means the youngsters will be working hard getting ready for youth football and cheerleading, while the older ones will be practicing with their school teams in football, volleyball and cheerleading. The next two weeks may be a little quiet. However, you know that won't last long here in Elba or anywhere else across the state and the nation.

\*\*\* When the Elba Tigers hit the field this fall there will be a void on the sidelines as long time assistant coach Bill Rayborn will not be a member of the coaching staff. Coach Rayborn has been an important part of the Tigers' success for almost two decades as a line coach and a team trainer, but his father is very ill and Coach Rayborn made the decision to return home after school hours and help take care of his Dad. We all understand your concern and pray for your Dad's health to return quickly, but never doubt for one minute that you will be missed every time the team hits the field for practice or for a game.

\*\*\* The various baseball and softball all-star tournaments are still going on across the state, and while the Elba teams have already begun upping their bats and gloves, teams from our area are preparing to begin play at the state tournaments. Enterprise dominated play in both baseball and softball at the sub-district level, but then ran head first into the Dothan teams at the district tournaments and now will join the rest of the small towns watching from the bleachers. I am not making excuses; however, unless changes are made to level the playing field the all-star teams from towns like Elba will always play a few games and then watch as the bigger towns take over.

\*\*\* The Elba Recreation Department is trying to give the adults in the area something to do for a few more weeks as it gets ready to begin a summer softball league for both men and women. The men's league will play on Tuesday nights and use all the fields at Hawkins-Williams Park, while on Thursday nights the action will be for both men and women as a Co-Ed league will hit the fields. The leagues will play through the end of August, and hopefully will be a big success for everyone involved.

\*\*\* Elba's Justin Allen competed in the Future Masters Golf Tournament last weekend in Dothan and shot an opening round 73 to rank among the leaders. Allen's one-over par round got him mentioned as a sleeper in a Dothan newspaper and gave his Elba fans hopes of a possible title. The Elba golfer did fade late in the tournament and wasn't a contender by the time the leaders came in Saturday night, but at least for one day he was among at the prestigious event. Good job!

\*\*\* Rumors began circulating last week that the Blue-Gray Football Game will make a comeback this Christmas and move to Troy State. The college all-star game wasn't held last year due to the loss of its major sponsor, but the word is that Movie Gallery is ready to step in to help revive the contest if it will make the move from Montgomery to Troy. The Montgomery Lions Club, the official sponsor of the event, will have to vote on the move, but the folks in Troy are already getting ready and seem confident that the game is heading their way. Wonder how the Montgomery city officials will react?

\*\*\* In closing...the second half of the Major League Baseball season is ready to start and while I still have my doubts, I will have to admit that I was quite a bit premature back before the season started when I wrote that the Atlanta Braves would not win their division. The Braves are in their usual place atop the division at the break despite a lack of quality pitching, and do have a shot at making it back to the playoffs as long as they continue to hit the ball. I am probably wrong again; however, unless the Braves make some trades I still think they have a long road ahead and are anything but a lock to win the division. I plan on going to watch the Braves play in a couple of weeks and will be pulling for them to win, but I still believe that the Braves management has had its head stuck in the sand too long and many other teams have passed them by.

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## Coach Amelia Rhoades to be clinician

### Elba Volleyball Camp 2003 set for July 29-30

The Elba Volleyball Camp - 2003, will be held on July 29-30 at the Elba High School gym, with Elba Tiger head coach Amelia Rhoades as clinician.

The cost is \$50 per person and checks should be made payable to Amelia Rhoades. Basic skills and techniques will be taught at the two-day camp, which is for

players in grades 7-12.

The schedule will include Session I from 9:00 until 12:00, a lunch break from 12:00 until 1:00 and Session II from 1:00 until 4:00, on both days.

For more information contact Coach Rhoades at (h) 565-3240 or (s) 897-2266.

## Benefit golf tournament set for July 11 at Ft. Rucker

Entries are now being accepted for the 7th annual golf tournament for the Army Aviation Museum Foundation, scheduled for Friday, July 11, at Fort Rucker's Silver Wings course. The four-person scramble is open to all golfers but limited to the first 36 teams. Prizes will be awarded for net and gross with teams placing first through fifth.

## Mosquitos will still be a problem as humid summer days continue

By Stan Windham  
County Extension Agent

Repellents and New Control Methods Of Mosquitoes

Repellents are substances that make a mosquito avoid biting people. Persons working or playing in mosquito-infested areas will find repellents very helpful in preventing mosquito bites. Repellents are formulated and sold as aerosols, creams, solids (sticks) and liquids. Use repellents containing DEET. For more than 40 years, DEET has been the standard in mosquito repellents.

Permethrin-containing repellents are recommended for use on clothing, shoes, bednets and camping gear. Permethrin is highly effective as an insecticide/acaricide and as a repellent. Permethrin-treated clothing repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes and other arthropods and retains this effect even after repeated laundering. Permethrin-treated clothing should be safe when label directions are followed. Permethrin repellents do not offer any protection from mosquitoes when applied to the skin. It is often helpful to use spray repellents on outer clothing as well as the skin. Protection generally may be expected up to 6 hours following application.

Oil of citronella is another type of mosquito repellent for space repelling. Oil of citronella is the active ingredient in many of the candles, torches, or coils that may be burned to produce a smoke that repels mosquitoes. These are useful outdoors only under windless conditions. Their effectiveness is somewhat less than repellents applied to the body or clothing.

Some common sense rules to follow when using repellents are:

- Wear long sleeve shirts and pants outdoors during peak mosquito activity time periods.
- Apply repellent sparingly only to exposed skin or clothing.
- Keep repellents away from eyes, nostrils and lips; do not inhale or ingest repellents or get them into the eyes.
- Avoid applying high-concentration (>30% DEET) products

Safe driving tips for summer vacation travel

Buckle up! Taking this simple step can put people into the driver's seat when it comes to improving on-the-road safety. Air bags save lives, but they need to be used in conjunction with seat belts, safety experts say. Here are some more safety tips to consider from the American Coalition for Traffic Safety. All young children should be in child safety seats or booster seats. There should be at least ten inches between the center of a driver's breastbone and the steering wheel. While airbags can be used just once, safety belts can protect occupants during subsequent collisions. In an accident, you may hit more than one object. For a free brochure about airbag safety from Autoliv Inc., which develops and manufactures airbags, seat belts, safety electronics and other safety devices, write to Autoliv, c/o Investor Relations, 1320 Pacific Dr., Auburn Hills, MI 48326. Or visit www.autoliv.com.

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## Elba Parks & Recreation RECREATION REPORT

### Adult softball leagues to form in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced plans to form a "Summer Softball League," with games to be played in both Men's and Co-Ed divisions. Team registration will take place from July 1 - July 17, with games scheduled to begin on Tuesday nights, with the Co-Ed division to play games on Thursday nights. Team entry fee is \$150 and is due when the team roster is turned in prior to the registration deadline. In the Co-Ed division all teams must have an equal number of males and females on the roster. For more information call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833. The deadline to enter a team is July 17 at 5:00 PM.

### Youth football sign-up now underway

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation began registration for youth football on Monday, July 14 and continue the registration until Friday, August 8. Three teams will compete this fall, with team ages being 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a players' age being determined by their age on August 1, 2003. Registration is \$20 per player, and equipment can be rented from the department for \$25. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center and at the City Pool. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

Let's Go...  
**Outdoors with Ben**  
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Redbelly fishing will make you feel like Huck Finn**

Fishing for Redbellies in the small rivers of Alabama takes you back in time to when fishing was as simple as it gets. A can of worms, paper sack of catpaw worms or a homemade cricket cage was all you needed in the bait department. Add a green cut cane pole, pack of no. 8 hooks, split shot, line and a can of sardines for lunch and you were in business. Ah, those were the good old days, right?

Redbelly, or the redbreast sunfish, is among the scrappiest fighters in the sunfish family. They are among the larger sunfishes and obtain a weight of over one-half pound in our area. In Florida, it is not uncommon for them to reach one pound. The record is a two pound, one ounce fish taken from the Suwannee River.

Redbellies live in a variety of conditions. They can be found in cold mountain streams to warm water lakes and ponds. To the south-east, but they are more numerous in flowing streams. They congregate with other sunfish and may be found anywhere you find bluegill and redear or shellcracker.

The primary identifying characteristic is the bright red or orange color on the breast and belly of the fish. They are a brilliantly colored fish with a medium sized mouth and a short pectoral fin. The male has bright turquoise streaks running from the mouth toward the gills. Females are similarly colored but their markings are more subdued. Not all redbellies have red breasts; some are closer to yellow or rust colored because of water variations.

While color may vary, the one sure way to identify redbellies is their long earflap. The flap is almost always black in is longer and wider on the male than on females. Redbelly is the most common name for the red breast sunfish in Alabama, but in Florida and other surrounding states one may hear them referred to as red headed bream, yellowbellies, red perch, hornear and a variety of other local names.

Spawning in Alabama occurs somewhat later with redbellies than many sunfishes, but may continue throughout the summer. They are solitary nesters and prefer to make beds close to the bank near stumps, logs and other debris in two to five feet deep water. The male guards the nest aggressively and will readily hit bait and lures retrieved over the bed. They are such dedicated nest guards that they will repeatedly hit the same lure after being caught and released several times.

Does this bring back memories of your youth when you too prowled the banks of a nearby stream with your buddy fishing for redbellies? The stream banks have probably grown up, and getting permission to walk them may be harder, but the redbellies are still there. Call that old buddy up, or introduce a youngster to redbellies. You'll feel like Huck Finn as you prowls those creek banks again.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Coffee County 4-Hers participating in the State Market Hog Show are front row from left - K.D. Barnes, Kaitlin Henderson, Justin Henderson, Lindsey Henderson, Ben Laceywell, and Jesse Driver. Back row from left - Ashley North, Amber Henderson, Ann Schieffer, Mark Windham, Adam Pope, and Josh Driver.

## Area 4-Hers participate in the State Market Hog Show held in Dothan

One of the most prestigious livestock shows in the Tri-State Area is the State Market Show held in Dothan each summer. Coffee County 4-Hers won many big awards and also won the award for the largest county group at the show. This is an award handed out each year, and Coffee County has won it for the last eight years. This year's participants were as follows:

Ben Laceywell of Enterprise. Ben won a blue ribbon in showmanship and had a great show for his first year.

Kaitlin Henderson of Enterprise. Kaitlin had a blue ribbon in showmanship and placed well in the judging competition.

Adam Pope of New Brockton. Adam placed top five in showmanship, the judging contest, and in the supreme competitor competition.

Amber Henderson of Enterprise. Amber placed well in all categories of competition and did especially well in the

judging competition.

Mark Windham of New Brockton. Mark placed first in the supreme competitor, showmanship, and judging competition and also made the championship drive with his market hog.

Josh Driver of Kinston. Josh placed second in the judging and supreme competitor competition. He also made a very strong showing in one of the hardest showmanship classes.

Ashley North of Enterprise. Ashley placed in the top five in the supreme competitor and placed second in showmanship.

Ann Schieffer of New Brockton. Ann placed in the top five in showmanship, the judging contest, and the supreme competitor competition.

Jeremy Driver of Kinston. Jeremy placed second in the judging contest, and the top five in showmanship, and placed well in the supreme competitor competition.

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## Garry Sheppard to be in concert at Klondyke Gospel Music Center

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## Elba native killed while serving his country in Iraq

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The entire community of Elba found itself mourning the loss of a native son this week following an announcement from the Department of Defense that Sergeant Jason David Jordan died Sunday, July 20, in Iraq.

Jordan, age 24, was patrolling a village in Tallifur, Iraq when his vehicle was ambushed by rocket propelled grenades.

A lifelong resident of Elba, Jordan was a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and joined the Army in August 1998. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (air assault), and had been stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky. since July 2002 before being deployed to Iraq several months ago.

"We are very proud of what Jason was able to accomplish in his life and that he was helping to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq," Jason's brother Chris said in a statement on behalf of his parents Danny and Sandra Jordan. "We would

like to express our appreciation for everyone's prayers and support in our loss."

Jordan became the tenth Alabamian to die in the war in Iraq, and this group of individuals grew up together and spent a great deal of time with one another during their 13 years in the Elba School System, and several expressed their gratitude earlier this week for being allowed to be Jordan's classmate and more importantly, his friend.

As word of his death spread Sunday evening, Monday morning, those who were familiar with Jordan expressed appreciation for the dedication he provided his country through his service in the military. He was described by friends as a Christian man coming from a very good family possessing good values. Others described the young man as an exceptional leader whom they felt would

have continued to excel in his military career.

Among those dealing with the loss of Jordan are his classmates from the Class of 1997 at Elba High School. This group of individuals



Sgt. Jason David Jordan

In honor and remembrance of Jordan and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country, Elba Mayor James Grimes announced Monday afternoon that flags were to begin flying at half mast and would continue to do so until after Jordan's funeral.

Also, Grimes announced the day of Jordan's funeral to be a "day of mourning" in the City of Elba.

According to his dad, Sgt. Jordan "died doing what he believed in."

At this time, it is expected to be more than a week before Sgt. Jordan's body will return home from Iraq; therefore, funeral arrangements have not been announced. However, the family said he will be buried in Elba.

"We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. Justin W. Garvey of Townsend, Mass., who died with Jason in the same attack," Chris Jordan said in his statement on behalf of the Jordan family.

Garvey, age 23, was patrolling alongside Jordan at the time of the attack. He had served in the Army since 1997 and had been at Fort Campbell since July 2000.

A third soldier was injured in the attack, but his injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

"Our prayer is that no one else has to lose a son or daughter in this war," the Jordan family said.



In honor and remembrance of Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, flags are being flown in Elba at half mast until after his funeral. Mayor James Grimes also said the day of his funeral will be recognized as a "Day of Mourning" in Elba. The exact date of Sgt. Jordan's funeral service has yet to be determined. He was killed Sunday, July 20, in Tallifur, Iraq after the vehicle he was traveling in was ambushed.

## Elba Fire Department trying to help MDA with "Fill the Boot" campaign

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba Fire Department plan to hit the streets Saturday morning, July 26, in an effort to help

those less fortunate as they conduct the annual "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Saturday's drive will be the third year the Elba Fire Department has participated in the "Fill the Boot" campaign

which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson said the funds raised will help

Jerry's Kids. "We are those less fortunate as they conduct the annual "Fill the Boot" campaign."

Saturday's drive will be the third year the Elba Fire Department has participated in the "Fill the Boot" campaign

During the first two years the Elba Fire Department participated in this campaign, the community certainly supported the volunteer firefighters by helping them raise just over \$3,600.

Goodson remembers the department set its goal at \$500 the first year and delivered a check totaling \$1,613.08 during the MDA telethon held Labor Day weekend. Then, the department topped that number by raising \$2,000 in 2002.

"With all the disasters the people here (Elba) have had, they are still willing to give," Goodson said. "That says a lot about the citizens."

"Fill the Boot" fund drives are held by fire departments throughout the nation each year, and Goodson said MDA officials have indicated the fire-fighting association generally raises more money for Jerry's Kids than any other organization in the country.

On Saturday, members of the Elba Fire Department will be located at numerous intersections across town between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 Noon. Everyone is encouraged to fill those boots and help the department help Jerry's Kids.

"The money raised by the Elba Fire Department will stay in the local area and be used to assist those with muscular dystrophy," Goodson said. "It will be local people helping local people."

Following Saturday's fund drive, members of the Elba Fire Department will present their contributions in Montgomery during the MDA telethon which is held during the Labor Day weekend.

## REMINDER

The "Celebrate Elba 150" concert featuring legendary country music artist George Jones will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Miller Memorial Stadium. For ticket information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

## Superintendent says finances in good shape for Elba City Schools

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Board of Education met July 10th to review both the statewide and local financial picture in education, pay bills, rehire existing teachers for the upcoming school year and start the process of advertising for additional personnel to replace retirees and resignations.

Under the leadership of Chairperson Valerie McGuire, the board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks present an optimistic front on local school finances for the coming year.

Weeks explained cost cutting efforts of the past year and continuing "above and beyond the call of duty" efforts by the entire staff that have resulted in turning the finances of the Elba School System from a negative cash balance and borrowing money for operating to a position of having cash on hand after all the bills are paid. This enviable financial position is enough to ensure the Elba schools will operate next year, even if there are no new taxes and a limited proration declared.

Weeks said. He also explained to board members how, due to additional federal funds, the schools could afford to hire additional staffers to aid in the drive to bring all students up to the desired levels of learning.

The Superintendent did how-

ever note that if the shortage of state funds lasts more than one more year, even the Elba School System will be in real trouble, having already cut all that can be cut without eliminating important programs and classroom teachers.

The Capital Projects account has a balance of \$215,624 with only a \$114,000 amount committed to needed projects.

Weeks told board members there would be some needs for this equipment breakdowns throughout the year, but he is hoping to keep most in reserve in case of a continuing state funds shortage and the state then allows some flexibility on spending usage from this account.

The board followed the recommendations of the Superintendent and voted to rehire all tenured personnel not retiring or resigning. They also voted to rehire all non-tenured personnel not retiring or resigning. The one resigning non-

tenured staffer was elementary school librarian Donna Seay, who had accepted a position in Enterprise.

The board named assistant principal Johnny Dunn to the position of principal of Elba High School. Lynn Baker was hired as Elba Elementary School Counselor and Charlie Jordan was employed as a bus driver.

The board followed the Superintendent's recommendations and reassigned Lakesha Brackins to the central office. She had previously worked at the elementary school.

Resignations included high school office aide Leona Siler and high school assistant coach Bill Rayborn, who will now work exclusively in the classroom at the elementary school.

Mona Wise was granted a five-month leave of absence.

The school approved the advertising for vacancies as assistant high school principal (with certification in special education); gifted teacher, K-6 certified classroom teacher and K-3 reading teacher, all three for the elementary school. Also being hired are new office aides,



Valerie McGuire

## Elba DARE officer receives honor

When students of the Elba City School System return to the classroom Tuesday, Aug. 5, one new face on campus will be D.A.R.E. Officer Michael Adkinson.

Officer Adkinson, a six year veteran in law enforcement, has spent a great deal of time this summer preparing for his new position with the Elba Police Department, and recently received an honor during his training.

While attending a D.A.R.E. training seminar in Huntsville earlier this month, Adkinson received the Beth Lader Role Model Award.

Beth Lader served as a high school role model within the Huntsville school system for three years. After being killed in a car accident, the D.A.R.E. role model award



Officer Michael Adkinson

was named in her honor.

Adkinson is now certified in the D.A.R.E. curriculum to teach in the schools, including the new middle school training being implemented this year.

## Area Happenings

**THE ANNUAL ELBA-TROY STATE UNIVERSITY BOLE TROOP MEETING** for scholarships will be Saturday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Elba County Club.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, July 28, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brooklyn.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION** will be Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules and tickets and establish meal accounts. They will also have a tour of the school.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL** announced the deadline to place an ad in the 2003 Football program will be Tuesday, Aug. 5. Those interested should contact Susan Ramsey at Elba High School (897-2266).

**NON-REASONS STUDY CLUB** will sponsor Elba's Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Elba Recreation Center. During the ball, a "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" will be honored. The club is currently seeking nominations based on a strict no-nonsense guideline. For those honors, an application for nomination due no later than Friday, Aug. 15, can be found inside the bottom of the paper. Also, tickets to the event are currently on sale and can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce or Denise's Hair and Nail Salon.

**MOTORISTS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS.** Traffic was slowed in the Curtis community at the intersection of Alabama Hwy. 141 and U.S. Highway 84 Monday afternoon, July 21, after a passenger of a small pickup truck fell out of the vehicle. The driver of the truck was apparently attempting to make a turn at the intersection when the right side door of the vehicle came open and the passenger fell out onto the roadway. Officers with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene along with a unit from Coffee County EMS. The injured individual received medical attention and was taken to the hospital but did not appear to have any serious injuries. Not only is wearing seat belts the law in the State of Alabama, but officers said this unfortunate incident may have been avoided if the victim had been wearing his seat belt.